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Senate unit urges more CIA curbs

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence concluded a 15-month, \$3 million investigation yesterday by calling for "remedial action" to prevent abuses by the CIA and other intelligence agencies.

In a series of 87 recommendations, the committee urged that the President and Congress hold much stricter control of espionage and secret political and paramilitary operations abroad. An additional report containing recommendations on domestic spying is to be issued later, probably tomorrow.

Two members of the 11-member committee, Sens. John Tower (R., Tex.) and Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), refused to sign the 651-page report, saying that it would interfere unduly with necessary intelligence operations.

The committee's major recommendation was that Congress establish a permanent oversight committee that would have power to authorize, and hence control, the intelligence community's budget.

A majority of the committee

wanted to publish the overall intelligence budget, but after CIA Director George Bush expressed Ford Administration objections, the committee voted 6-5, to leave that decision to the full Senate.

Nevertheless, it was apparent from data in the report that the CIA and the Defense Department spend from \$4 billion to \$5.5 billion a year on intelligence, and that the nation's entire intelligence bill, including tactical military intelligence, is twice that. About 101,500 persons were engaged in intelligence work as of the end of last year, the committee reported.

In general, the committee approved of the intelligence community's work. It said secret intelligence was necessary to the national security. On balance, the report said, information collected by the CIA and other agencies was "adequate, but major improvement is both desirable and possible."

The committee majority, however, sharply criticized secret operations designed to support friendly governments or upset hostile ones. More

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